



STATE OF UTAH  
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May 5, 1988

TO: Kenneth E. May, Associate Director, Mining  
THRU: Lowell Braxton, Administrator *LMB* ✓  
FROM: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer *FF* ✓  
RE: Request for ~~Board~~ Concurrence on Revegetation Bond Release,  
Raven Ridge Project, M/047/016, Uintah County, Utah

Western Tar Sands, Inc. leveled a pad area and built several concrete foundations on Raven Ridge in 1981. The site is located southeast of Vernal on a state lease. The surface disturbance covered approximately five acres and was done in preparation for installing a tar sands extraction facility. All work was halted in April, 1982 and the site was reclaimed in the spring of 1985 after the state lease expired. Western Tar Sands posted a \$2000 collateral bond at that time to cover reseeding, if necessary.

On May 3, 1988, John Blake of State Lands and Forestry and Frank Filas of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining inspected the reclaimed site. The reclaimed area has achieved the approximate vegetative ground cover of the surrounding areas and no additional seeding will be necessary. It is therefore, recommended that the \$2000 Certificate of Deposit plus accrued interest be released to Western Tar Sands, Inc.

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cc: John Blake, SL&F  
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*Approved*  
*KE May*  
*5/11/88*